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HOUSE BILL NO. 492

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURFORD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ENERGY/OIL & GAS WELLS: Provides relative to oilfield site restoration

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 30:84(A)(3) and 86(E)(7), relative to the remediation of oilfield sites; to
3 provide for the authority of the secretary; to provide for uses of the Oilfield Site
4 Restoration Fund; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 30:84(A)(3) and 86(E)(7) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §84. Powers of the secretary

8 A. The powers of the secretary shall include without limitation the power to
9 do the following:

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11 (3) Take any legal action necessary to meet the purpose of this Part.

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13 §86. Oilfield Site Restoration Fund

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15 E. The monies in the fund may be disbursed and expended pursuant to the
16 authority and direction of the secretary or assistant secretary for the following
17 purposes and uses:

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(7) Negotiate and execute contracts, upon such terms as he may agree upon,

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for legal, financial, engineering, construction, and other professional services

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necessary to meet the purpose of this Part.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources to take legal action to meet the purpose of the La. Oilfield Site Restoration Law and to authorize the contracting of professional services.

Present law provides for the proper and timely cleanup, closure, and restoration of orphaned oilfield sites and creates the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund for that purpose.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources to take legal action to meet the purpose of the La. Oilfield Site Restoration Law.

Proposed law authorize the use of the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund for the contracting of legal, financial, engineering, construction, and other professional services as needed to meet the purpose of present law.

(Adds R.S. 30:84(A)(3) and 86(E)(7))